

Title:	Clinical Research Nurse (Full Time 1.0)
Area/Group:	Fetal and Neonatal Health - The Ritchie Centre
Reporting to:	A/Professor Graeme Polglase
Date Last Updated:	May 2017
Current Occupant:	Vacant

1. About Hudson Institute of Medical Research

Hudson Institute of Medical Research is a NHMRC accredited, not-for-profit, independent medical research institute located at Monash Medical Centre in Clayton, Victoria, Australia. The Institute employs nearly 300 research staff, 30 administration/support staff and hosts over 100 undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Our research involves investigation in the fields of reproductive health, hormone action, sex determination, cancer, obesity, inflammation, infectious diseases, cardiovascular disease, neonatal and fetal physiology, bone health, stem cells, genetic diseases and men's, women's and children's health. The Institute works to improve the quality of life by finding and improving methods for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of a variety of health conditions.

2. Purpose of Position

A clinical research nurse or midwife is required to complete a clinical trial comparing newborn heart rate and oxygen saturations in the first 30 minutes after birth in women that received early or delayed oxytocin administration during delayed cord clamping. While the Ritchie Centre and Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology is located at Monash Health Clayton campus, the clinical trial will be conducted at Casey Hospital, Berwick. The successful applicant will report to A/Professor Graeme Polglase, and is funded by grants from the National Health and Medical Research Council. The position is full-time 1.0 EFT and is expected to continue for 3-6 months duration or until all participants are recruited. The Clinical Research Nurse position involves recruitment of women either at antenatal clinics or at early stages of labour, and placement and recording of a pulse oximetry device.

Knowledge of patient consent, data collection, storage and retrieval is essential as well as knowledge of human research ethics principles and processes.

The role will be based in Casey Hospital, reporting to the Deputy Director of the Ritchie Centre, and liaison with other scientists and clinicians within the Institute and Monash University Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. This role will be pivotal to sustaining the close relationships that exists between the clinicians and scientists. The appointee must be flexible in his/her hours to match the birth times where possible.

3. Accountabilities and Responsibilities

Primary Responsibilities

Candidate Recruitment

- Identifying suitable candidates from antenatal clinic lists or as they present to birth suites.
- Recruitment of women at Casey antenatal clinic or in Casey hospital birth suites
- Maintain a comprehensive, up-to-date record of consented participants

Data Collection

- Attend the births of recruited participants and record the timing of cord clamping and oxytocin administration
- Apply a pulse oximeter to the hand of the newborn
- Maintaining a computer database of results
- Attend occasional lab group meetings

Compliance and Legislative Knowledge

- Comply with Hudson Institute and Monash Health policies and procedures and relevant appropriate legislation
- Meet Occupational Safety and Health, anti-discrimination, equal opportunity and other legislative requirements in accordance with the parameters of the position

Equal Opportunity (EO)

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4. Working Relationships

Internal

- Associate Professor Graeme Polglase – Group Leader, Perinatal Transition Group and Deputy Director, Fetal and Neonatal Theme in the Ritchie Centre

External

- Clinical staff including midwives and obstetricians
- Clinical patients

5. Selection Criteria

Qualifications

Essential

- Registered nurse Division I or II, neonatal nurse or midwife
- Current practicing certificate
- Degree in nursing/midwifery from a recognized university
- Experience in maintaining a clinical database
- Experience in research, particularly with clinical trials
- Strong ability to work independently with limited direction and generate, schedule and prioritise work and complete tasks on own behalf
- A demonstrated awareness of the principles of confidentiality, privacy and information handling.

Knowledge & Skills

Essential

- Excellent communication and organisational skills
- Good computing skills as a minimum
- Database management
- Flexibility of hours
- Time management skills

Experience

Desirable

- Research experience an advantage
- Knowledge of pulse oximetry

Appointee will be appropriately trained in specific research project protocols upon commencement

Personal Qualities

Essential

- Own car with comprehensive car insurance & valid drivers licence
- Attention to detail
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a team

6. Endorsement

Name: (Manager)			
Signed:		Date:	____/____/____
Name: (Director)			
Signed:		Date:	____/____/____